Nearly 600 lbs. Marijuana and Gun Located

Border Patrol Agents Locate Hidden Narcotics

Campo, Calif - Agents tracking the footprints of a group of suspected illegal border crossers early this morning near Campo were surprised to discover nearly 600 pounds of marijuana and a loaded handgun.

The footprints, which began at the international border, lead agents nearly ¼ of a mile north where they discovered eight large fertilizer bags containing 585 pounds of marijuana. Nearby, agents located a loaded .380 automatic handgun. No suspects were located.

The estimated national average street value of the marijuana is \$468,400. Both the narcotics and the weapon were turned over to the custody of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Since October 1st, Border Patrol agents in San Diego have seized over \$5.3 million in illegal narcotics. Twelve deadly weapons have been seized during narcotic seizures.